

Tensor Notes

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1 Useful identities

$$\text{If } \mathcal{Y} = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}] \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \times_1 \mathbf{P}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{P}_2 \times_3 \mathbf{P}_3 = [\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{P}_3 \mathbf{C}] \quad (1)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) * (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}) \quad (2)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}) \otimes (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}^T) = (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A})\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|_F^2}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{B}^T \quad (5)$$

$$\text{function } \mathbf{reshape} \text{ in Matlab is } \dots \quad (6)$$

Matricized tensor: This is just 1 special treatment to rearrange a tensor to a matrix. Mode- n matricization of tensor $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_N}$, denoted as $\underline{\mathbf{X}}^{(n)}$ is a matrix forming by arranging mode- n fibers as rows. Note that this description is *not* sufficient since it doesn't specify the row ordering. Anyway, we do use a consistent matricization.

Suppose $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = [\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_N]$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{X}}^{(n)} &:= (\odot_{i=N, i \neq n}^1 \mathbf{A}_i) \mathbf{A}_n^T \\ &= (\mathbf{A}_N \odot \mathbf{A}_{N-1} \odot \dots \odot \mathbf{A}_{n+1} \odot \mathbf{A}_{n-1} \odot \dots \odot \mathbf{A}_1) \mathbf{A}_n^T \end{aligned}$$

which is implemented as

- In python,
- With tensorlab, $\underline{\mathbf{X}}^{(n)} = \text{tens2mat}(\underline{\mathbf{X}}, n)$,
- In matlab, $\underline{\mathbf{X}}^{(n)} = \text{reshape}(\text{permute}(\underline{\mathbf{X}}, [n, 1, 2, \dots, n-1, n+1, \dots, N]), I_N, [])$,

And vectorization operator,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vect}(\underline{\mathbf{X}}) &:= (\odot_{i=N}^1 \mathbf{A}_i) \mathbf{1}_F \\ &= (\mathbf{A}_N \odot \dots \odot \mathbf{A}_1) \mathbf{1}_F \\ &= \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{I}_F (\mathbf{A}_N \odot \dots \odot \mathbf{A}_2)^T) \\ &= \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}_1 (\mathbf{A}_N \odot \dots \odot \mathbf{A}_2)^T) \\ &= \text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)}) \end{aligned}$$

Proof of 5. Since

$$f(\mathbf{X}) := \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|_F^2 = \|\text{vec}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}) - \text{vec}(\mathbf{C})\|_2^2 = \|(\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A})\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}) - \text{vec}(\mathbf{C})\|_2^2$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})} &= (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A})^T ((\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A})\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}) - \text{vec}(\mathbf{C})) \\
&= (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T) \otimes (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}) - (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A}^T)\text{vec}(\mathbf{C}) \\
&= \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T - \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B}^T)) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} &= \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B}^T
\end{aligned}$$

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